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Dear Friends,

Fourteen years ago, 2,977 innocent Americans lost their lives. My thoughts and prayers go out to those who continue to be impacted by the tragedy that day. September 11th is a reminder that America has a crucial role in defeating evil - both at home and abroad.

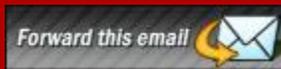
In case you missed it, Milwaukee first responders are hosting a 9/11 commemoration event tonight from 5pm to 9pm at 750 North Lincoln Drive. Whether you remember 9/11 at tonight's event or at home with your family and friends, we must never forget that America can and will defeat evil so those we lost did not die in vain.

On a lighter note, the new Bucks stadium is moving forward! (Renderings of the plan are available [here](#)) More than \$500 million dollars in economic development is slated for Milwaukee.

However, it's not time to celebrate yet. The Milwaukee Common Council still has work to do to make the arena possible. Thank you for all you've done to put pressure on state and county officials. Now it's time to reach out to city officials to make a new home for the Bucks possible!



Senator Darling's  
Website



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As always, if you have any ideas on how to improve our great state, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Sen.Darling@legis.wi.gov](mailto:Sen.Darling@legis.wi.gov) or at 608-266-5830.

Sincerely,

Alberta Darling



## Job Openings At 15 Year High

Wisconsin is home to [86,700 job openings](#)! According to the Department of Workforce Development, job openings have increased steadily over the last two years. There's more good news for job seekers on the horizon.

The good news continues around the state. Janesville is about to get a shot in the arm from Dollar General. The company announced this week that it [plans to build a 1-million-square-foot distribution center](#) there and hire 552 workers.

There should be even more positions available soon. Manpower Inc. reports [4th quarter hiring](#) is expected to be strong. According to their recent survey, 21 percent of employers expect to increase staff levels in the fourth quarter. That's the highest for that survey since 2007.

## **County Board Still Ignoring Voters**

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is once again thumbing its nose at taxpayers and ignoring the will of the people.

This week, Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb Sr. forced a resolution on Thursday's agenda of the Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee that authorizes him to spend up to \$150,000 in taxpayer money.

Lipscomb intends to use taxpayer money to hire a high-priced attorney to stop his pay cut and the pay cuts of county supervisors which voters overwhelmingly approved in 2014.

Not only is the Milwaukee County Board ignoring state law, they are ignoring the will of the people. The voters overwhelmingly decided county board members should earn a part-time salary for doing a part-time job.

2013 WI Act 14, authored by myself and State Representative Joe Sanfelippo of New Berlin allowed voters in Milwaukee County to set the salaries for their county supervisors. In April 2014, voters responded overwhelmingly in favor of the pay cut. A staggering 71 percent supported the plan to reduce the salaries for board members from about \$50,000 to around \$24,000. Representative Sanfelippo called the latest attempt to ignore the law both sad and arrogant.

This is not the first time the county board has tried to push back against Act 14 since the legislation passed the state Legislature in 2013 by a vote of 79-52. That same year, the board rebuked the legal opinion of the county's former top attorney after she advised that Act 14 was legally sound. Shortly thereafter, the board voted to fire her.

Also in 2013, board members authorized former Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic to select an outside law firm and spend up to \$25,000 in taxpayer money to review and possibly challenge the legality of Act 14. Later that year, Dimitrijevic bumped the total up to \$99,999. The board is no longer using that firm's services.

### **Around the 8th...**

As summer officially winds down, fall festivals are heating up in our area.

Grafton's Paramount Blues Festival is this weekend. The event celebrates the history of Paramount Records with live music, food, and family fun. You can find out more here: [graftonblues.org](http://graftonblues.org)

The Indian Nation's largest festival in the country is this weekend in Milwaukee. The Indian Summer Festival is held on the lakefront and will highlight Native American culture, sports, art, and traditions. For more information visit: [indiansummer.org](http://indiansummer.org)

St. John's Church in Germantown is hosting a Fall Arts and Craft Fair this weekend. The event features a separate flea market event. More information can be found here: [stjohnuccgermantown.org](http://stjohnuccgermantown.org)

There are many more events all throughout our great state, you can find more here: [TravelWisconsin.com](http://TravelWisconsin.com)